sion of the room.

as he glanced around.

PRICE ONE CENT.

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HUSTED TURNS UP WINKING.

ting Out of the Race.

ISPECIAL TO THE WORLD,

He walked around the corridor, and enter-

ing his parlor headquarters, saw that ex-Sen.

man Grippen, of Saratoga, had taken posses.

"Anybody been here?" asked the Genera

"Too early yet," replied ex-Senator Pitts,

but I expect some of our friends from the

wait till more of the members arrive before you write up anything about the fight.

"I saw young Cole at breakfast. He was
seated at a table with young Hamilton and
young Crosby. Of course he expects to be
elected. He thinks he will have a walk over.

"His friends have circulated a story that I
will get out of the fight before to-morrow
night.

night.

"Why, my dear fellow, I have not begun
my fight yet, while young Cole has been electioneering ever since the day he was nominated."

Mr. Fremont Cole, the youthful Schuyler statesman, has the largest crowd of early ar-rivals and his headquarters are thronged this

orning. Hamilton and Crosby are enlisted in his

cause and are ready to pounce upon the rural Assemblymen as soon as they register. Young Cole smiles when told of Husted's boosts.

This will amount to nine solid votes.

SHIPTING THE POLICE CAPTAINS.

The Commissioners to Make Some Noces

as to give the new ones an opportunity to dis-

tinguish themselves.

sary Transfers To-Day.

EVENING EDITION.

PRICE ONE CENT:

WORDS FROM THE PEOPLE.

THOUSANDS IN THE CITY WHO SUFFER BECAUSE COAL IS DEAR.

Small Dealers in the Poorer Districts Sell with Little Profit, but the Coul Barons Show No Morey-Fears that the Coming Winter Will Be as Bad as the Last-Short Weight and Higher Prices Already.

King Coal is a despotic monarch in the inter-time, and in such cold spells as this makes millions tremble at his nod.

The coal barons who defy the miners in he Lehigh Valley and the Reading district, ofess to wait with equanimity for the strike o come to an end, but in many a densely opulated quarter of this city are thousands whose homes must be cold and cheerless till coal can be got at a fair price.

A World reporter, who had just been inferviewing some big coal firms who said there was no scarcity, that coal was plentiful and pheap and that it would continue to be so all rough this season, was sent to canvass the iews of the smaller dealers, who are brought rectly in contact with the consumer.

They are to be found all along the east and west sides of the city, and the reporter started at Twenty-third street and First avenue, gong northward.

There are many big coal wharves in the icinity, but almost every grocery store has wooden box on the sidewalk filled with al for sale in small quantities to the teneent-house population.

The first store visited was that of Mr. Patick J. McAndrews, at 621 First avenue. Mr. IcAndrews, a well-preserved man of fifty ars, was selling a poor woman a pailful of

years, was selling a poor woman a pailful of coal as the reporter approached.

"She will carry that three blocks and then up four steep flights of stairs," said he when his customer trudged away. "I sell it to her at 12 cents a pailful, which is about the price I pay for it myself. I don't make any profit on it, but keep it, like sugar and soap, as an accommodation to my customers. I pay \$6 a on at the yard, and it's hard to get anyhow. Of course, it's not the best coal. The dealers palm off on us the inferior grades, and instead of 2,240, or even 2,000, pounds to the on they seldom give us more than 1,900."

Mr. Charles Sethmann, at 321 East Twenty-ixth street, complained that since the beginning of the Lehigh strike he had been unable to get enough coal to supply his customers.

"They raised the price," he said, "and rave us an inferior quality while we could get any, and now they tell us we must go elsewhere till the trouble is over. The worst of it is that our customers expect us to keep everything, and if they can't get coal here they go to our rivals for everything else in the way of provisions."

"The coal famine of last year spoiled the cetal trade in coal," said Mr. Martin Knoop, of 661 First avenue. "I notice that lots of my customers who had to pay \$9 a ton isst winter have managed this year to save up a little money and buy it by the ton in advance of the cold weather. There are more coal peddlers this year, too. Lots of the men who were put off digging up the streets by feen. Newton's order have gone into that business and they have cut us out. They deliver the coal to the top floor if necessary, and they have formed an organization by which they get the coal direct from the collegies."

Said Mrs. Charlotte Roche, of 838 East

which they get the coal direct from the collieries."

Said Mrs. Charlotte Roche, of 338 East
Twenty-fourth street: "The people who
think the small dealers get the most profit on
coal make a big mistake. The people at the
wards charge us what they like. No matter
how high the price is we cannot get more
than 13 cents for a pailful, and when the
price goes up to \$6.25 a ton, like it is now, we
lose money. The railroads and the collieries
have all the say in the matter."

Mr. Henry Grube, who keeps a grocery
whore next to his brother Frederick's barber
thop, at 835 First avenue, was disposed to
blame the big stores for taking away busihess. "Our trade has fallen of 75 per cent,
in the last few years," he said. "I have to
sell coal to keep my customers, and I can't
get a profit on it in these times. The box
blocks up the sidewalk and prevents people
from seeing the goods in my store window.
I used to do a good trade in toys, but now
the schools give away heaps of toys at Christmas and spoil my trade. If it wasn't for the
candy that I sell I couldn't make a living."

"How do the poor people get enough coal
his weather?" remeated Mr. William Owens. candy that I sell I couldn't make a living."

"How do the poor people get enough coal this weather?" repeated Mr. William Owens, of 322 East Thirty-first street. "Well, I'm sure I don't know. The fact is they don't burn any more in such weather as this than they do when its warmer. They have just so much money to lay out on the house and they can't get any more. Sometimes we give predit of course, but credit don't save them any money. There ought to be a fixed wrice.

tredit of course, but credit don't save them may money. There ought to be a fixed price for coal all the year round instead of the monopolists raising the price when the poor people want it most."

Mr. Edward Kennedy, who keeps a busy store at 346 East Forty sixth street, said: "I son't believe the strikes make any difference in the price of coal. We put up the price anyhow this time of the year, strike or no strike. There's no reason to the mind of a blain man why Lykens Valley should be clearer because the Lehigh men have quit work, but it is, and from all I see it will go nigher yet. If the Government owned the railways I think it would bring about fair prices."

Mr. Henry Assenbeck, of 745 First avenue, and the wholesale dealers had raised the price from \$5.25 to \$6 within the past two weeks, but he thought it couldn't go any higher just yet. "The only thing they can do is to give us short weight, and they are up

higher just yet. "The only thing they can do is to give us short weight, and they are up to that trick. They know we have no means of weighing the coal ourselves."

Mrs. Ellen Barsley, of 323 East Thirty-fourth street, said: "I do quite a business in bags and by the pailful. I get the coal from the yard at half a ton and a ton at a time, and it costs me, with the cartage, \$7 a ton. Lots of people who you would think would be able to lay a stock in their cellars have to buy it in small quantities every day or two because it's so dear. They are more economical with it in that way. Besides they get credit for a week or two."

Baid Mr. Frederick Stork, of 840 First avenue: "I see by the papers that the strikes are being settled, but prices are rising just the same. The worst winter months have yet to come, and already coal is 50 cents a ton higher than it ever used to be. They tell me the mines were 1 fer so productive as they have been this year, but the people don't get the benefit of it."

Mr. Patrick Heaney, of 235 East Forty-fifth threet, said there ought to be some regulation made by the city as to the weighing of coal.

"They pretend to weigh it at the yards." he said, "but we don't know whether the coales are right or if the cart weighs as much as they say it does. This is a matter that concerns every one, and something ought to be done about it."

Exchanges to Close To-Morrow.

The New York Stock Exchange and the Consolidated Stock and Petroleum Exchange will close to-norrow until next Tuesday.

JESSIE WHITE'S SAD DEATH.

A Letter Written by Pulaski W. Klein

The reports published in several morning papers that Jessie White, the young woman who died last evening at the house of Mrs. Thomas Smith, a midwife, at 189 Stagg street, Brooklyn, after asking that person to

perform an operation upon her, are partly erroneous, inasmuch as the girl did not ask such a thing.

What she did ask was that Mrs. Smith prescribe some medicine for her as she was not feeling well. Mrs. Smith, not knowing what was the matter with the girl, positively refused.

At the time Mrs. Smith noticed that the girl's mouth looked sore, as though it had been burned by some acid. Other than this there was nothing to show that she was in any serious trouble.

After the girl died a letter was found in her pocket which read as follows:

her pocket which read as follows:

I have discovered the person who you were in search of, Mrs. Thomas Smith, 189 Stagg street.
Yours respectfully,

After reading this letter Police Capt.
Kaiser, of the Sixth Precinct, started out to find who "K." was. Late in the evening he arrested Pulaski W. Klein, a man about thirty years old, of 389 Bedford avenue, Brooklyn, on suspicion. He took him to the station-house.

Klein maintained that he knew nothing

Brooklyn, on suspicion. He took him to the station-house.

Klein maintained that he knew nothing about the case. Capt. Kaiser then got him to write a letter which he compared with the one found on the girl's body. The handwriting was identical. Klein then admitted that he wrote the letter found on the girl, but more than this he would not say.

A theory advanced is that the girl had been betrayed, and in a fit of despondency and shame took poison. As it at present stands, there is considerable mystery about the case. Coroner Lindsay has ordered Klein detained as a witness for the inquest.

JERSEY CITY'S RED-PEPPER BATTLE.

The Women Give Bail and the Husband Will Sue for Divorce.

The principals in the Boyd-Hamilton redpepper scandal were all in Justice Weed's office, on Gregory street, Jersey City, this morning.

Mrs. John Boyd, the wife of the Clerk of the Board of Freeholders, with her counsel, ex.Mayor Collins, arrived at 10 o'clock and decided to waive examination. She gave bonds to appear on both of the charges made by Mrs. Hamilton and her mother, Mrs. Tolson.

The other two women reached court just after Mrs. Boyd left, with their counsel, and were both placed on the stand to verify their affidavits.

Mrs. Nellie Hamilton swore that when she opened the door of her residence, 168 Grand street, to admit Mrs. Boyd, the latter began the fight by throwing the red pepper into her eyes and those of her mother.

Mrs. Tolson also swore that Mrs. Boyd threw the pepper.

After they had left court John Boyd entered, and learned what had passed. He announced that he would sue for a divorce, and declared that all of the trouble was caused by his wife's foolish jealousy.

Mrs. Tolson was arrested last evening on Mrs. Boyd's charge of throwing the pepper and was taken before Justice Bouget. Boyd furnished her bail.

It is said that Mrs. Boyd is to be arrested again on a charge of malicious mischief to be made by William Harvey, the owner of Nellie Hamilton's home on Grand street, the shutters and windows of which were ruined by the bricks Mrs. Boyd hurled through them. Mrs. John Boyd, the wife of the Clerk of

MAYOR HEWITTS INVITATION.

If He Has New Year's Cheer with the Pres ident It Will Be in an Unofficial Way.

It is stated on good authority that Mayor Hewitt has been invited to partake of New Year's cheer with President Cleveland at the White House, either on Sunday or Monday. To ascertain whether he would accept the invitation, and if he did, on which day he would sit down at the Presidential board, a World reporter called upon the Mayor at his office in the City Hall to-day.

To the inquiry, Mayor Hewitt answered with some warmth: "That is my own private business."

"But if you had been invited in your

"But if you had been invited in your official capacity as Mayor of the city?" mildly suggested the reporter.
"But I haven't been invited as Mayor to anything."

— to anything."

That long dash confirmed the truth of the srumored invitation, but President Cleveland will have to look for Mr. Hewitt's acceptance or declination elsewhere than in The World.

DENIED BY CYRUS FIELD.

He Says He Has Not Sold the Washington Building to Jay Gould.

A rumor was in circulation downtown this morning that Mr. Cyrus Field, being in need of funds, had sold his Washington Building, at Broadway and Battery place, to Jay

Gould.

Mr. Field declared very emphatically today that the rumor was without foundation,
and that he did not propose to sell the property in question to Jay Gould or any one

Attaching Property for Debt.

The property in this State of Payne, Steck & Co., the firm that assigned yesterday, has been attached in two suits by Judge Lawrence, of the Supreme Court. One of these is brought by A. H. Smith & Co. to recover \$1.400 for goods delivered, and in the other Halph S. Hamilton, sr. and fr., manufacturers of jeweiry, of Providence, R. L. are seeking to recover \$908 for merchandise. These goods were sold upon the representation that the defendant was solvent.

Another attachment has been issued against the property here of Hayne & Rogers, of New Oricans, La., at the instance of Theodore Sturges, who has a claim of \$2,000, the value of a promissory note.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.] LOUISVILLE, Dec. 30.—The coal familie here i becoming alarming. Navigation has been sus-pended and no coal can be obtained by way of the river. The feet at Pittaburg is lee-bound. There is a great deal of suffering among the poorer classes, and all the papers are appealing to the more fortunate for aid.

Mellro and Dowmes Matched at Pool. An interesting match game of pool is to be played on Jan. 16 at Koster & Bial's, Twentyfourth street and Sixth avenue. The contestant will be Frank A. Meitre, formerly of the Walte Eephahl, and Albert W. Dowmes, of Maurice Daly's. The series will be the best twenty-one out of forty, pyramid pool, for a stake of \$350. A fortest of \$30 is up.

Large Fire in Rahway. RAHWAY, N. J., Dec. 50.—The extension trot-ting sulky factory of Herfield & Jackson was entirely consumed by fire at 2.30 o'clock this morning. The barn of P. L. Schuppucan, a grocer, the residence and store of M. J. Boyne and several other buildings were slightly damaged. The firemen had two hours hard work to get control of the fire with six streams of water. The loss is \$20,000.

THE DAY IN WALL STREET

VANDERBILT DIVIDENDS CAUSE DISAP-POINTMENT.

Much Interest Manifested in "The World's" Report of the Pacific Railroad Commission-Bulls Lift Manitoba-Lackawanns Directors Happy-Union Pacific Advances

The exclusive publication by THE WORLD of the two reports of the Pacific Railway Commission was the leading topic of conver-sation in Wall street during the early hours of business to-day.

Investors and speculators have been await-

"but I expect some of our friends from the western part of the State on the next train."

"See here, Pitts," exclaimed Husted, and for fifteen minutes the man who wants to be Speaker for the sixth time and the ex-Senator held a conference near the windows.

At 10 c'clock The World correspondent had a few moments' chat with the wily bird from the heights of Peekskill.

"Who said I intended to withdraw from the race?" ejaculated Husted. "I am here and these are my headquarters.

"Does that look as if I had quit so early in the contest? Why, my dear fellow, you ought to know me by this time— (winking his left eye.) How many members have arrived? Not half a dozen.

"Wait till more of the members arrive before you write up anything about the fight.

Investors and speculators have been awaiting definite information concerning these important documents for some time with a great deal of anxiety, and they were accordingly discussed in all their bearings.

Union Pacific stock showed increased strength for a time, and sold up to 58%, but it later yielded half a point.

The whole list after opening a fraction lower took on strength, and the bulls lifted Manitoba from 109% to 111%, C., C., C. & I. from 54½ to 55, New England from 37% to 38½, and Missouri Pacific from 89% to 90%.

This movement, however, came to a sudden halt when news was received from the Grand Central Depot in regard to the Vanderbilt dividends.

For weeks the street has been led to believe

dividends.

For weeks the street has been led to believe from semi-official statements about the enormous business of the companies that the stockholders would receive large dividends, and the feeling was confident even this morning that the directors' meetings would give a much-needed lift to speculation.

Instead of this the Lake Shore and Michigan Central will each pay 2 and the Canada Southern 1½ per cent. This division is for the six months and is precisely the same as was made in June for the first half of the

was made in June for the first half of the year.

The statements rendered are favorable it is true, but it is the dividends and not official reports that the stockholders are after.

The Lake Shore earned 8.13 per cent. on its stock this year, against 4.83 in 1886. It closes the year with a surplus of \$1,145,087, after paying \$262,000 assessment on Nickel Plate stocks and additional payments into the Sinking Fund of \$250,000; Kalamazoo 88, \$200,000, and Sharon Branch construction, \$187,450. The Michigan Central earned 6.69 per cent., against 5.08 in 1886.

It winds up the year with a surplus of \$867,742. The Canada Southern's surplus is \$140,000, and the company earned 3.60 per cent. on its stock against 2.71 per cent. last year.

year.

[The directors of the Lackawanna also met

If The directors of the Lackawanna also met for dividend purposes this morning, and the prosperous condition of the company's finances placed President Sloan and the directors in a happy frame of mind.

The stockholders will get 1½ per cent. for the quarter which will be carned this month and besides they are vouchasfed the information that the company made fully 12 per cent. on the stock for the year.

The early rise in stocks was followed by a decline of 1½ in Manitoba and of ½ to 1 per cent. in the remainder of the list.

There were 562 checks mailed to-day from the office of the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey for quarterly interest due Jan. 1 on \$6,185,500 of the company's 100-year gold fives.

on \$6,185,500 of the company's 100-year gold fives.

Money lent at 5 a 6 per cent. Sub-Treasury debtor at the Clearing House this morning in the large sum of \$1,088,309.

Governments are steady at 125½ a 126½ for reg. 4s, 126½ a 127½ for coupon 4s and 107½ a 108½ for 4½s.

In railroad bonds Union Pacific 1sts sold at 115½ a 116½. The sinking funds were 2 points higher, at 116½.

Wabash Chicago Div. rose ½, to 99½; K. T. consols ½, to 106½; do. 5s ½, to 63½, and do. 6s ½, to 78½. Fort Worth 1sts fell of ½, to 79.

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St. P. Minn. & Manitobe.
St. Louis & San Fran.
Tean. Coal & Irva.
Union Pacific
Western Union Teiegraph.
Wheeling & Lake Erie.

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New York Markets.

2 points. COPPRE.—The market was unsteady again to-day

newspaper clamor.

It was suggested that Capt. Reilley was anxious to be transferred, but Mr. Voorhis was inexorable and the Nineteenth was passed In London, consols are up to 102. Americans are 1/2 to 1/2 better. In Paris rentes are also firm at 81f, 15c.

over.

Gen. Porter does not like the idea of transferring Capt. Westervelt from the Grand Central Station to the Mulberry street station. Capt. Meakim to go to the Grand Central Station.

Gen. Porter raised the same objection that he did when Westervelt was promoted from a sergeancy.

sergeancy.

He did not regard his record as unexcep He did not regard his record as unexceptionable, but when called upon by Mr. French to specify any misconduct, he said frankly that he did not know that he could do so, but he was opposed to him anyway.

Before the Commissioners separated it was pretty generally agreed that they would hold a formal meeting to-day and very quietly make about a dozen transfers, including Capts. Slevin, Brooks, Meakim, Westervelt, Cassidy, Hooker, Grant, Allaire and Garland.

Entries for Guttenburg. The managers of the North Hudson Driving Park announce the following entries for the several

FIRST BACH. Purse \$200, of which \$50 to the second, for horses hat have run and not won during the present accting; maidens allowed 10 lb.; five furiongs.

Lb. Vindez
118 Vindez
118 Lizzie M
115 King George
115 Comus
115 Mahneta
115 String Ban... WHEAT.—There was a very bullish tone in the market to-day and options opened at 1/2. advance: Jan., 93/1; Feb., 95/2; May, 96. Strong foreign cables and several neavy foreign buying orders assisted the upward movement, and during the forencon there was a further advance in prices. Corn was firm, but dull.

COPTON.—Futures opened at a decline of 1 point, although the cables were firm, at the following prices: Jan., 10.56; Feb., 10.47; March, 10.78; April, 10.59; May, 10.97; June, 11.05; July, 11.09; Aug., 11.18. After the call the trading was more active, and before noon the market had givanced 1 SECOND BACE. 115 Billy Orth

THIRD RACE. Purse \$200, of which \$50 to the se

FOURTH RACE.

PIPTH RACE.

Purse \$300, of which \$50 to the se ges; seiling allowances; seven furior

Racing will begin at 1.30 P. M. sharp.

and the opening irregular at declines of 5 to 10 points from lest night's closing figures. Jan., 16.20; Feb., 16.15; March, 15.10; April, 16.05; May, 16; June, 15.95; July, 15.70; Aug., 15.85; Trading was inactive during the early part of the day, and up to noon there had been no material change in prices.

PETHOLEUM.—There was less excitement in the market loans than at any time during the past Nation John Alexander Playfair Roy Boy The Miller

Franciscus.—There was less excitement in the market to-day itsa at any time during the past week. Oil opened at 57½c., about yesterday's closing price, and during the forencon fluctuations were confined within comparatively narrowitimits, the highest price being 88% and the lowest 87½. At noon certificates were quoted at 88. Purse \$900, of which \$50 to the second; for ages, with 28 lb. above the scale; selling all ances; seven furlongs. Custom-House Appointments. The following appointments were announced to-day by Collector Magone: W. J. O'Gorman, Night Inspector, at \$3 a day; James H. Le Strange, Messenger, at \$730 a year; W. M. Hoff, jr., Sgismund Samuels and Harry Garrison, clerks, at \$1,000 a year each.

James Hatton, aged sixty years, while at work on the wharf at the toot of Congress street, Brooklyn, this morning, became unconscious from the effects of the cold weather. He was removed to his home. Brooklyn News at a Glance.

his home.

Early this morning Sing Long, a Chinaman, while standing in front of his laundry at 141 Johnson areaue, Brooklyn, was knocked down and struck on the head with a club by two unknown men, who made their escape.

The rooms of George Townsend, Godfrey Gilbert and Cathariae Gilbert, in the three-story bearding-house 163 Hohermerhorn street, Brooklyn, were entered by means of false keys and clothing and jewelry aggregating \$100 stolen. The police are satisfied that the robbery is the work of a man who had a furnished room in the house.

Gay Times at the Pole Grounds Manager Mutrie was in his glory at the Polo Grounds to-day. The toboggan slides were in the

ORDERED TO STRIKE. Declaring that He Has No Intention of Get-

ALBANY, Dec. 30. - The great and only Result of the Convention of Reading James W. Husted, of Westchester, was as chipper as ever this morning when he had Employees. finished his breakfast at the Delavan House.

Miners and Passenger-Service ator Pitts, of Orleans, and Assembly-Men Not Called Out.

> fter a Long Discussion the Leaders at Reading Passed a Resolution at 3.30 O'Clock This Morning Ordering a General Strike -It is Said That the Men Were Expected to Go Out at Noon To-Day-Trains Moving as Usual on Many of the Branch Roads-President Corbin is Now on the Scene of Action-The Company Has Nothing to Say-Everything Quiet.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.] READING, Dec. 30.—The convention of

Philadelphia and Reading Railroad employees, which began at 8 o'clock last night in Excelsior Hall, was in continuous session until 3.30 this morning, when a resolution was passed ordering a general strike of the members belonging to the Knights of Labor on the Reading road,

with the exception of JOHN L. LEE. engineers and other senger employees. Street-crossing men, signal-tower men, flagmen and track walkers are also excepted.

boasts.

"If I am not very much mistaken," he said to-day, "Gen. Husted will make the speech in the caucus nominating me for Speaker."

Sheridan Shook is here. His parlors look like a commissary shop. They are stocked with liquors and cigars from the Morton House. The question of a miners' strike was vigorously discussed, but action was deferred until after Jan. 1.

Chairman John L. Lee's dealings with the ompany were heartily indorsed, while the alleged duplicity of certain Reading officials was vigorously denounced. Just before an adjournment was reached

House.

Shook is solid for Cole. Last year Shook helped to elect Husted and Husted promised to work and vote for Morton for Senator.

Husted went over to Miller. Shook is now the convention decided to offer a reward of \$2,000 to be paid by the Executive Committee Husted went over to having his revenge.

It is said that Cole will receive the support of the Republican Assemblymen from New York, Kings, Richmond and Suffolk counfor evidence which shall convict any striker of injuring the company's property. The time for the strike was fixed for

> not be asked to go out until the miners have had a chance to confer with Supt. Whiting. Reports received here state that the order

to strike has not been obeyed on the Colebrookdale branch and that all trains are The Police Commissioners held a two running as usual. nours' conference in President French's room Advices also state that the order to strike last evening, the subject under discussion has had no effect so far on the North Pennbeing the transfer of some of the captains, so

sylvania and Perkiomen branches. At Elizabethport, N. J., the company have put non-union men at work. It is under-The first snag was the Nineteenth Precinct, in which Mr. Voorhis demurred to any change. He maintained that Capt. Reilley was a new man there, and it was not fair to transfer him simply because of a newspaper clamor. stood that 150 men arrived on the steamer D. R. Martin this morning to take the places of

the strikers. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 80 .- The action of the Reading employees' convention at Reading last night has apparently had little effect this morning in this city. Traffic has been but little interrupted on the Reading lines and work is proceeding at Port Richmond and

At the general offices both General Manager McLeod and General Supt. Sweigard declare that everything is going along satisfactorily and that they do not anticipate any trouble as a result of the order for a general rouse as a result of the order for a general strike issued at Reading early this morning. President Corbin came over from New York this morning to attend the last meeting of the receivers prior to the dissolution of the re-ceivership, which by order of the Court oc-curs at midnight to-morrow.

Austin Corbin, President of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company, went to Philadelphia last evening. He is now on the scene of action of the trouble with the em-ployees of the road. Vice-President Maxwell received a special

ployees of the road.

Vice-President Maxwell received a special despatch this morning saying that the convention of miners and railroad men at Reading in its all-night session last night had resolved to renew the strike of the railway employees, but he declined to make any comments to a Wonto reporter.

"The situation seems to be this," said Editor Saward, of the Coal Trade Journal. "The strikers never gain anything when they strike against a wealthy employer and they strike against a wealthy employer and they have learned the lesson. They select some employer who is not able to stand a fight and he is compelled to do that which he cannot afford or go to the wall.

"It was so with Reading. The road was down or the men could never have got the concessions made. The road could not afford it, but was obliged to come down in order to carry out its financial agreements. Now Mr. Corbin has got the road on its feet, and he is ready to fight, or in other words, to manage the property himself.

"I have seen in my time strikes and labor troubles force the mining business of the

troubles force the mining business of the Scranton and Lehigh regions out of the hands of individuals and small corporations

Scranton and Lehigh regions out of the hands of individuals and small corporations into combinations and powerful corporations which can stand a fight with the men.

"The Schuylkill region is the last to remain in the hands of individual miners, but these strikes will force them to unite, and combination prices will follow.

"At present only about one-half the miners are at work, a scarcity of cars forcing the rest into idleness. In the Lehigh region 14,000 men are on strike, and there is only a very little work going on—just enough to say that the mines are in operation.

"This strike began Sept. 6, when a demand for a raise of 15 per cent. was made. The Lehigh people resisted. Reading conceded 8 per cent. and the men went to work. But Reading was weak then. It is strong enough to stand alone now, and this is the slackest season of the year.

"For three months, beginning Dec. 1, there is almost nothing done from necessity. That is why the wholesale coal men are so apathetic regarding the present trouble.

"The 8 per cent. concession was to continue until Jan. 1, and then, Mr. Corbin said, the Reading would be governed by the action of the Lehigh people. It could not afford to pay more than the latter. That is unquestionably true, and Lehigh has peremptorily refused to concede a penny.

"The Reading employees spoiled their

refused to concede a penny.

'The Reading employees spoiled their cause by the break at Port Richmond. The order of the Knights of Labor leaders for a strike was only partly obeyed, and they saw their error too late. They tried to fix matters and get in shape to wait until next Tues-



A COLE DAY FOR HUSTED. Chances for the Speakership Sinkin

day, but things have not worked right, and bence the order of the convention at Read-

Meantime the strike, although only par-tial, has worked to 'stall' the road, and miners are in enforced idleness on account of

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"Of course, in case of a strike the poor people of this city would soon feel it, and their pailful of coal would be a luxury indeed. A general blockade of the Reading system would be the most effective strike imaginable so far as New York's coal supply is concerned, but it would but only the small consumers unless the strike continued two or three months."

Timothy Putnam, a leading member of District Assembly No. 49, who managed the coal handlers' strike last winter, said to-day to a WonLD reporter that he had not decided whether or not he would manage the strike of the Reading Railroad employees in compliance with the request of a committee which called upon him yesterday.

He also said that the report in a morning newspaper about the visit of the committee and his remarks was correct, including the following paragraph, about which he had nothing further to say, as it spoke for itself:

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If the fight is to be continued the Anarchists, the socialists and the trade unionists will all be invited to assist us in their own way!

It is believed that the executive officers of No. 49, who control all the coal habdlers' and the freight handlers' local assemblies in this city and the Ocean Association of Longshoremen have been officially notified of the strike and that the principal object of the visit of the Reading men's committee was to get the aid of No. 49.

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has been extensively scattered about the city. It is attributed by Knights of Labor to city. It is attributed by Knight the Pinkerton police managers. TORCH AND BOME MUST BE APPLIED.

Fellow-workmen, the hour has come. The agencies of science must play a part in the struggle of the future.

Yesterday it was the slaughter of our comrades at Chicago. To-day it is the assassination of 60,000 of our brothers on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad system. True, the sword is the weapon of circumstances, but their victims persish all the same. The

name.

Do not waste your force on the scabs—they are only the effect of the present damnable commercial and competitive system. DESTROY by all the agencies at your command the direct representatives of the system, the Corbins, the Maxwells and the Goulds.

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Let the Torch, the Bomb or the Bullet strike them now. Let all they possess to the dames be given, hound them night and day.

This Strike must be made the war of the classes against the masses.

Brotners, remember Chicago and your oats.

The circular bears no names. It could not be traced to any of the labor organizations It was reported that it had also been circulated all along the line of the Reading road and throughout New Jersey and Pennsyl

Among the Tollers. Work is reported dull in the cigar and tobacc

The Truck-Drivers' Association will meet in The longshoremen generally are reported to b well pleased with the prospect of a great organization similar to that of the street-car men. The Progressive Painters' Union No. 1 has membership of 2,000. John Jones, the walking delegate, reports that the number is constantly being increased.

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John Borert has resigned the Secretaryship of the Eagle Co-operative Publishing Association, and Ernest Bohn, Secretary of the Central Labor Union, is temporarily filling the place.

The twelve lodges of the United Order of American Carpenters and Joiners will elect officers before the close of the present year to serve for 1888. There are 7,000 skilled workers in the Order.

Branch No, 17 of the United Order of American Carpenters and Joiners will give a literary enternament and reception at Lyrie Hall on the evening of Feb. 3. John Heiler, C. E. Parker and D. G. Smith are the committee in charge of the affair.

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The Tobacco Trades' Section of the Central Labor Union last night decides to reject the amendment to the constitution of the central body which requires each new organization to pay an entrance fee of \$5. Thus far five of the ten sections have rejected the amendment.

The fair of the Socialistic Labor party and the United German Trades Unions was formally opened last evening in Clarendon Hall and drew a large number of persons. The fair continues this and to-morrow evenings. The proceeds will be devoted to the establishment of a printing-office.

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The waiters, barienders and oysiermen, at mass-meeting in the Concordia Assembly Rooms discussed has evening the difficulties their organizations have had with the Park and Ballroom Prorictors' Association. Some of the speakers were vere very forcible in their language and proposed

severe measures.

The Journeymen Barbers' Protective Union announces its second annual reception and bail to be beld in Webster Hall on Sunday evening, Jan. 15. The Committee of Arrangements is composed of August Schneider, George Henry, Julius Gabler, Edward Finkelstone, P. J. Haybyrne, August Schramm and Albers Thierfelder.

Stole a Lot of Lend Pipe.

In the Yorkville Police Court this morning on complaint of Frederick S. Meyer, of 421 West Twenty-second street, Andrew McCradden, twenty-four years old, of Ninety-sixth street and Second avenue, was held in \$1,000 ball to answer for breaking into the new tenement-house 900 East Ninety-sixth street Dec. 17 and stealing lend pape valued at \$25.

SUICIDE ON THE BRIDGE

A YOUNG MAN SHOOTS HIMSELF IN A CAB GOING ACROSS.

The Driver and a Policeman Startled by the Report of a Pistol-The Passenger Found Unconscious-A Clue to His Identity Given by a Card in His Pocket-New Dying in

With his head pillowed on a copy of the City Directory, and blood spurting from a bullet-hole in his right temple, a handsome young man lay dying this afternoon in the rear basement room of the Brooklyn Bridge police station.

He had shot himself with a 32-calibre revolver while crossing the bridge in a cab iriven by James McCooey.

The police officer stationed on the Brooklyn incline of the southern driveway was startled a few minutes after 1 o'clock by the muffled report of a pistol in an approaching

The driver pulled up abruptly and a glance into the vehicle showed its occupant leaning back, the blood gushing from his forehead and the weapon lying beside his nerveless

and the weapon lying beside his nerveless hand.

The cab was driven rapidly to the station in Sands street and notification at once sent to the Coroner. A letter in the pocket of the dying man bore the name and address. "E. C. Baldwin. 170 Clinton street."

A messenger was instantly despatched to that house. In the young man's pockets were a small silver watch with a gold chain, \$1.06 in money and a small collar-button.

Driver McCoocy said that he had been engaged at Fifteenth street and Union square. The gentleman seemed perfectly cool, rational and sober then and instructed the driver to take him to Fulton street, Brooklyn.

SHOPLIFTERS IN COURT.

One of Them Refuses to Swear to a Lie and Confesses Her Guilt.

Barbara Fleishhauer, Bidley's girl detective, made her third appearance this week in the Court of Special Sessions to-day to prosecute Kate Livingstone, aged twenty-three years, and Catharine Nolan, a matronly looking woman of forty years, for shoplifting.

Miss Livingstone pleaded guilty. She said that she was tempted to steal by being under the influence of liquor. Mrs. Nolan protested her innocence.

The girl detective testified that she was beside Mrs. Nolan in the store when she picked up a feather and other articles and placed them in her pocket. The properly was afterwards found in the woman's possession.

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When Mrs. Nolan stepped on the witnessstand a Bible was slipped in her hand by Officer Sinclair, but she refused to be sworn, "I don't want to swear to a lie," she said. "I did steal the pins, but not the feather. Miss Livingstone gave me that."

Miss Livingstone denied the statement. She admitted, however, that she took a feather herself. They were fined \$10 each. Mary Bauer, of 148 Madison street, paid Mrs. Nolan's fine.

Hannah Jackson, who was also charged with shoplifting in Ridley's, was accused by Detective Robert Morrison. She stole a bottle of cologne. The girl detective was a witness. Mrs Jackson was fined \$10.

Kate Brown, who was arrested for the larceny of a breast-pin in Ehrich's, was also fined \$10 on the plea of guilty.

THROWN FROM A TRESTLE,

Six Stock Cars Smashed to Splinters on the

A disastrous smash-up occurred at 4 an 'clock this morning on the freight line of Pennsylvania Railroad in Jersey City. Six empty stock cars were thrown over the trestle to the ice-covered meadows forty feet below and smashed to atoms. No one was

below and smashed to atoms. No one was hurt.

The train was one of twenty-eight cars, which left the freight station at 4.20 to connect with the West Shore over the Brunswick street junction. When at the corner of Sixth and Brunswick streets the forward axle of the sixth car from the rear broke, and the car was hurled into the air.

The other five followed it with a thundering crash and formed a splintered heap of many yards on the ice. As the coupling of the first car to fall was broken by the shock those forward escaped.

At daylight an army of people from the tenement district surrounded the ruin and snatched the wood severed from the ironwork by a hundred workmen. At 11 o'clock nothing but the ironwork, the badly damaged trestle and the crowd were left.

JERSEY CITY WITHOUT WATER.

The High-Service Pumping Station Idle Through Broken Machinery.

Half of Jersey City was deprived of its water supply this morning. The other half receives a muddy stream from the fancets. The cause was the breakdown of the ma-chinery at the high-service pumping station in Summit avenue. How long the water famine will last is doubtful,

A Head Martin Engle Wants to Break, Martin Engle, the Essex Market poultry dealer, is looking for a thief. His seven year-old son, Eddie, was playing in front of the market yesterday, when a young man tapped him on the shoulder and said: and said:
"Sonny, your father has just bought you a
velocipede. It's waiting for you around the

velocipeds. It's waiting for you around the corner."

He also said he would hold the boy's coat, and of course absconded with it.

"1'd willingly pay a \$50 Sne for a chance to break that fellow's head," said Eddie's father when he reported the case to the police. Gen. Foster to Retire. Gen. Benjamin F. Foster will retire from the position of Assistant United States District-At-torney on Jan. 1.

The Year to Go Out Pleasantly. WASHINGTON, Dec. 30. —
Indications for the tres-



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For Eastern Sets York.

sightly tearmer, fate weather; teasterly winds, becoming tight to fresh "Twill surely profit you to know, What every chewer's praises show, That "VIRGIN LEAP" is all the go.